
Correspondence: Mrs. John P. Varnum
(Josephine L. Dyer "Josie"), 1871 - 1888

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**Letter: Mrs. Josephine L. Dyer Varnum to her Mother, May 18,
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JACKSONVILLE, FLA.,

May 18th 1888

Dear Mother -

We are gradually getting packed and have a man engaged to come Monday and pack the furniture. I shall take a room with Grace and Nora and our plan is to have John Archie and Edie go on Thursday's steamer - This sickness has been a most dreadful misfortune to me. If I could possibly have got Johnnie off by himself I should have done so but he would not hear to anything of the sort he is terribly weak and exhausted that seems to be all. Dr. Mallitt thinks a change of air will bring him up very quickly - The children are improving but very slowly - Grace talks continually, when her fever is on, of Aunt Celia's bread and milk - Tell Marnie please that

I can get hats similar to my shade hat
for 25 cents and at another store they
have some very pretty ones with lots
of fancy braids around the rim for 75.
The latter come in black white and mode
shades and are not heavy for the size.
The others I saw in a window and they
were only white ones. She might drop me
a line and say what she prefers as to price
color &c - If John gets there before I do don't
say anything more than you can help to him
about his awkward kind of restrain Helen
if you can. He is apt to overexpect himself
if you say to him "don't do so and so you
are not strong enough" his mother is rather apt
to do so and don't worry about me. I am
really very well indeed. I'm tired of course
but I shall soon get over that when I can
have regular sleep - Well I must not sit
here any longer there is too much to be done.
With much love to all
Josie -